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ESTATE OF PIERRE LOURY,)

Deceased, by TAMBRASHA)

HUDSON, Administrator,)

Plaintiff,)

VS.)

Case No. 16 C 4452

CITY OF CHICAGO, et al.,)

Defendants.)

TRANSCRIPT OF AUDIO-RECORDED INTERVIEW
of OFFICER JEFFREY RIORDAN taken April 28, 2017.

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1 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: This is Investigator
2 Jim Lukas. That's, L-u-k-a-s. My badge number
3 is 117. This is the digitally recorded statement
4 of Officer Jeffrey Riordan, star 7712 of the 11th
5 District and it's regarding log number 1080064, U
6 number 16-05.

7 We're at the IPRA office at 1615 West
8 Chicago Avenue. It's approximately 15:18 hours
9 on 28, April 2016. And in the room -- we're in a
10 conference room here. And in the room with
11 myself and Officer Riordan is Chief Investigator
12 Mark Grba.

13 Mr. Grba, could you state your name
14 and spell it, please.

15 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR GRBA: Yeah, I'm Mark.
16 Last name, G-r-b-a, and my star four.

17 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And, let's see,
18 Officer Riordan, what's your -- can you state
19 your name and spell it, please.

20 OFFICER RIORDAN: My name is Jeffrey
21 Riordan. The last name is, R-i-o-r-d-a-n, star
22 number 7712.

23 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Thank you. And
24 representing Officer Riordan is Colleen Daly.

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1 OFFICER RIORDAN: I am not making this
2 statement voluntarily, but under duress. And I'm
3 only making this statement at this time because I
4 know that I will lose my job if I refuse.

5 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And are you
6 aware that no allegations have been made against
7 you in this U number investigation?

8 OFFICER RIORDAN: Yes.

9 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Are you aware
10 that this statement has the standing of an
11 official police department report and that any
12 intentional falsification of any answer to any
13 question would be in direct violation of police
14 department rules and regulations?

15 OFFICER RIORDAN: Yes.

16 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Given that I would like
17 to remind you that failure to provide a complete
18 and accurate statement could result in a finding
19 of a violation of Rule 14 and disciplinary action
20 up to and including separation. Do you
21 understand that?

22 OFFICER RIORDAN: Yes.

23 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Okay. What was
24 your duty status on 11, April 2016 at

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1 approximately say 19:43 hours?

2 OFFICER RIORDAN: I was working in the 11th
3 District working beat 1135.

4 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And did you have
5 a partner?

6 OFFICER RIORDAN: I did.

7 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: And who is that?

8 OFFICER RIORDAN: That is Officer Hitz.
9 That's, H-i-t-z.

10 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Do you know his
11 star offhand? If not it's okay.

12 OFFICER RIORDAN: I'm not 100 percent sure.

13 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: That's fine. Okay.
14 And were you in uniform or in --

15 OFFICER RIORDAN: Yes.

16 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: -- plain clothes?

17 OFFICER RIORDAN: Full uniform.

18 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And did you have
19 any other partner other than Officer Hitz?

20 OFFICER RIORDAN: No.

21 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And what kind of
22 a vehicle were you and Officer Hitz assigned?

23 OFFICER RIORDAN: It was a marked patrol
24 unit. I believe it was a Ford Explorer.

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1 OFFICER RIORDAN: Most likely 23:00 hours.

2 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. All right. And
3 on 11, April 2016 at approximately 19:43 hours
4 was your unit westbound on Roosevelt Road
5 approaching Homan?

6 OFFICER RIORDAN: Correct.

7 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. All right. And
8 what happened after you were westbound
9 approaching Homan?

10 OFFICER RIORDAN: We overheard radio
11 communications regarding a call of shots fired in
12 the 10th District. One of the locations that was
13 given was 16th and St. Louis which we recognized
14 to be one block west and four blocks south of our
15 approximate location.

16 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. All right. And
17 then what did you do in response to hearing this
18 information -- was this -- By the way, did you
19 hear that information over the police radio?

20 OFFICER RIORDAN: Correct.

21 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And did you hear
22 any description given of an offender or of a
23 vehicle or anything like that?

24 OFFICER RIORDAN: So there was a description

1 of a black Toyota. I was aware of that
2 description.

3 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Do you know if
4 that black Toyota was associated with the -- the
5 16th Street shooting?

6 OFFICER RIORDAN: I do not know that.

7 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. But you heard a
8 description of a black Toyota regarding what kind
9 of an incident?

10 OFFICER RIORDAN: Regarding a shooting.

11 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay.

12 OFFICER RIORDAN: Not necessarily the same.

13 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Did you also
14 hear any traffic regarding -- radio traffic
15 regarding another shooting over farther south?

16 OFFICER RIORDAN: I do recall hearing
17 another location for a shooting that I recognized
18 to be further away, much further away.

19 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Do you remember
20 where that was?

21 OFFICER RIORDAN: I -- I do not.

22 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Does 28th and
23 Kedvale, does that ring a bell at all as a
24 possible location of --

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1 OFFICER RIORDAN: That could be. I just
2 recognized it as too far for us to be responding
3 to.

4 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: I getcha. Okay. All
5 right. And just so we know right up front, have
6 you viewed the video from your in-car camera
7 regarding the entire incident that you're here to
8 be interviewed about?

9 OFFICER RIORDAN: Yes.

10 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And how many
11 times did you view it roughly?

12 OFFICER RIORDAN: Once that evening.

13 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Oh, okay. You haven't
14 seen it again since then?

15 OFFICER RIORDAN: No.

16 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: All right. Okay. All
17 right. So you're westbound on Roosevelt and
18 you're approaching Homan and you've already heard
19 this information about the black Toyota and about
20 one or two shootings?

21 OFFICER RIORDAN: Correct.

22 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Or two shootings I
23 guess. Okay. Now, what happened?

24 OFFICER RIORDAN: We decide to tour the

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1 area. We make the decision to turn left or
2 southbound onto Homan. Very shortly after
3 turning within a few seconds we're driving and
4 overhear a conversation. The only words that I
5 can say for certain that I overhear are car and
6 shooting. So obviously grabs our attention. I
7 make a u-turn and pull up next to two vehicles
8 with their windows down. Both cars --

9 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Excuse me one second.
10 You heard this conversation. Where was it
11 occurring, where was the conversation occurring?

12 OFFICER RIORDAN: In the northbound lanes of
13 traffic.

14 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Of Homan?

15 OFFICER RIORDAN: Of Homan.

16 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. So somebody --
17 Could you tell if it was a person inside a
18 vehicle or outside a vehicle saying that?

19 OFFICER RIORDAN: It sounded like it was
20 inside a vehicle, but just overheard those words.

21 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Did -- did you
22 hear it in reference to somebody calling out to
23 you, the police, because you were in a marked
24 vehicle or anything like that?

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1 OFFICER RIORDAN: I would not say so. It
2 was loud enough for us to hear, but no one was
3 yelling for us.

4 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And you didn't
5 hear the word police you said?

6 OFFICER RIORDAN: Absolutely not.

7 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. All right. So
8 now you've -- you've made your turn, left turn to
9 go southbound on Homan. You've made another turn
10 and now you're pulling up northbound on Homan.
11 Are you in the -- what lane are you in at this
12 point?

13 OFFICER RIORDAN: We are on the centerline
14 would be my guess probably still partially in the
15 southbound lane of travel. We are abreast with
16 two other vehicles. Both of those vehicles
17 indicate that another vehicle in front of them
18 was involved in a shooting.

19 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. How did they
20 indicate that?

21 OFFICER RIORDAN: I remember them saying,
22 that car. At this point I turned my attention
23 solely to the car they -- I understood them to be
24 referencing.

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1 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay.

2 OFFICER RIORDAN: I heard my partner say,
3 that car right there just did the shooting? And
4 I overheard at least one person respond yes.

5 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Did you see
6 those persons making any of these remarks about
7 that vehicle about a shooting, could you tell if
8 they were male or female?

9 OFFICER RIORDAN: I can recall that there
10 were at least two males involved. I cannot
11 describe any other persons.

12 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Could you tell
13 if -- which car that information was coming from?
14 You said two cars were to the side; what would
15 that be to the east of you, the two cars?

16 OFFICER RIORDAN: Correct.

17 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Could you tell
18 which car the information was coming from?

19 OFFICER RIORDAN: Both cars when I was
20 looking indicated I believe it was the car
21 further to the east that provided additional
22 assurance.

23 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And you're
24 referencing people in the car saying something?

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1 OFFICER RIORDAN: Correct.

2 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Do you know what
3 kind of car that was, the one farthest to the
4 east?

5 OFFICER RIORDAN: My guess is a tan or gray
6 Buick.

7 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Do you remember
8 how many car doors it had?

9 OFFICER RIORDAN: I can't say for certain.

10 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. And that's in
11 the northbound lane, they're in the northbound
12 lane?

13 OFFICER RIORDAN: Correct.

14 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: All right. And then
15 the other car -- that's one of the two cars
16 you're referencing?

17 OFFICER RIORDAN: Uh-huh.

18 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. What -- what did
19 the other car look like if you recall?

20 OFFICER RIORDAN: I believe it was a red
21 Cadillac.

22 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Anything, four
23 door, two door?

24 OFFICER RIORDAN: Couldn't say.

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1 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Did you happen
2 to get the license plates of either of those two
3 units?

4 OFFICER RIORDAN: No, I did not.

5 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Now, the car
6 that they're indicating and pointing to, what
7 kind of car is that as far as you can tell?

8 OFFICER RIORDAN: I would say that was a
9 black Ford Taurus.

10 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay.

11 OFFICER RIORDAN: Had a temporary plate.

12 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Do you remember
13 any of the numbers off the plate?

14 OFFICER RIORDAN: It was very illegible.

15 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. Do you mean
16 because of distance or because of some damage
17 actually being done to the plate?

18 OFFICER RIORDAN: Damage to the plate.

19 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. All right.
20 Could you tell the year of the car?

21 OFFICER RIORDAN: I would guess early
22 2000's.

23 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. By the way, what
24 is the lighting like outside at this point?